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SUBJECT: TEXTILES: FRENCH POSITION ON RENEWAL OF  
MFA.

1. ACCORDING TO MMNISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE, EC  
COUNCIL JULY 26 INSTRUCTED THE COMMISSION TO BEGIN  
NEGOTIATING BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WITH EXPORTING  
COUNTRIES. AFTER THESE NEGOTIATIONS ARE COMPLETED,  
HOPEFULLY BY END OF NOVEMBER, THEN THE COUNCIL WILL  
DECIDE ON RENEWAL OF THE MULTIFIBRE AGREEMENT (MFA).  
MEANWHILE EC WILL REGULATE IMPORTS OF SENSITIVE ITEMS  
FRO REMAINDER OF 1977(SEPTEL). THE FRENCH WANT TO BE  
SURE THE BILATERAL AGREEMENTS ARE SATISFACTORY BEFORE  
CONSENTING TO EC ACCEPTANCE OF A NEW MFA. THIS  
PROCEDURE INCREASES THE PRESSURE ON THE COMMISSION TO  
DO A BETTER JOB OF NEGOTIATING BILATERALS. WE ARE TOLD  
THAT GOF DECISION TO INSIST ON THIS PROCEDURE WAS  
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TAKEN BY PRIME MINISTER BARRE, ALTHOUGH SME GOF  
OFFICIALS FOUND THE US-EC-JAPAN PROPOSAL SATISFACTORY.  
ANOTHER DECISION BY THE EC COUNCIL WILL BE NECESSARY  
BEFORE THE EC CAN SIGN A GATT PROTOCOL. WHETHER THE  
GOF WILL AGREE WITH THE PROPOSED TEXT WILL DEPEND ON  
THE PERFORMANCE OF THE COMMISSION, AND GOF RESERVES  
THE POSSIBILITY OF SUGGESTING CHANGES IN MFA WHICH GOF

STILL BELIEVES TO BE A NECESSARY INSTRUMENT.

2. COMMENT: ABOVE IS CLEAREST STATEMENT OF FRENCH  
VIEWS WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN. FRENCH POSITION  
REFLECTS LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN COMMISSION'S ABILITY TO  
NEGOTIATE AN MFA WHICH WOULD ADEQUATELY PROTECT FRENCH  
INTERESTS. SPECTACLE IN GENEVA OF VIETNAMESE (FRENCH)  
TELLING FRENCH DELEGATE HE HAD NO RIGHT TO SPEAK IS  
BURNED IN OFFICIAL MINDS HERE AND HAS SOME INFLUENCE  
ON GOF ATTITUDE. WE CAN EXPECT GOF TO BE EQUALLY  
VIGILANT WITH REGARD TO COMMISSION'S MANDATE FOR MTN  
AS WE MOVE INTO MORE ACTIVE PHASE.  
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